Earnings through export of petroleum products

3332. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that public and private sector oil companies have increased export of petroleum products to reap benefits of increased prices in the world market;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for recent increase in the prices of petrol and diesel in India; and

(c) what is the amount of additional export earnings that are likely to accrue on the increased rate of petrol and diesel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) A comparison of exports of petroleum products for the year 2002-03 with the year 2001-02 is given below:

2002-03 (Provisional)		2001-02	
Qty (TMT)*	Value (Rs. Crore)	Qty. (TMT)	Value (Rs. Crore)
10,232	13,678	10,085	8,285

* (thousand metric tonnes)

With dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the petroleum sector effective 1st April, 2002, the prices of petrol and diesel have been decontrolled. The oil companies are now fixing the prices of these products after taking into account the international oil prices. Thus, the fluctuations in the international oil prices are likely to get reflected in the domestic consumer prices of petrol and diesel. Taking into account the recent softening of international oil prices, the oil companies have reduced the retail selling prices of petrol and diesel in the country effective 16th April, 2003.

Errant petrol pumps in Maharashtra

3333. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps which have been found selling adulterated petroleum products on primary inspection in Maharashtra and specially in Mumbai during the last three years; and

(b) the list of the errant dealers and the actions taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The following number of Retail Outlets have been found selling adulterated Petrol/Diesel during the last three years in Maharashtra and in Mumbai:-

No. of Retail Outlets found selling adulterated Petrol/Diesel

Year	Maharashtra	Mumbai
2000-01	36	3
2001-02	56	2
2002-03	74	1
Total	166	6

Action against all the erring dealers is taken as per Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership Agreement.

Conversion of waste plastic into fuel

†3334. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Nagpur-based scientist couple has successfully invented a unique process of converting waste plastic into fuel;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof;

(c) whether this invented fuel are upto BIS standard; and

(d) if so, whether the Ministry has formulated any scheme for promoting this work together with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Prof. Alka Umesh Zadgaonkar, Head of the Department of Applied Chemistry, G.H. Raisoni College of Engineering, Nagpur claims to have invented a process and equipment for conversion of plastic waste to liquid fuels like petrol, kerosene, diesel etc. She had demonstrated this process where the feed consisting of waste plastic (75% wt) and coal (25% wt) along-

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.